

# **Public Notice for Appointment of United States Magistrate Judge**

Two vacancies exist and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama is authorized to fill these vacancies by the appointment of two full-time United States magistrate judges for the Middle District of Alabama at Montgomery, Alabama. The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and include but are not limited to: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings, resolution of dispositive motions and conduct of FED.R.CRIM.P. 11 proceedings in felony criminal cases; (2) trial and/or disposition of misdemeanor and petty offense criminal cases; (3) trial and/or disposition of civil cases including the majority of Social Security appeals upon consent of the litigants; (4) conduct of various pretrial and evidentiary proceedings on referral from the district judges of the court; (5) review, conduct evidentiary proceedings as necessary and recommend disposition of prisoner civil rights and habeas cases; and (6) conduct of mediations.

The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636. To be qualified for appointment an applicant must

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least 5 years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the ten (10) persons it considers best qualified for the two vacancies. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants, including women and members of minority groups. The current annual salary of the position is \$151,984.00. The term of office is eight (8) years.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position in

this court may be obtained from the Clerk of the District Court:

Debra P. Hackett, Clerk  
United States District Court  
P.O. Box 711  
Montgomery, AL 36101-0711

(334) 954-3616

The application form is also available on the court's Internet website at  
<http://www.almd.uscourts.gov/>.

Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received by July 21, 2006.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

APPLICATION FORM and additional information can be found on the court's website:  
[www.almd.uscourts.gov](http://www.almd.uscourts.gov)